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REPORT FROM WASHINGTON D.C.

This past month, I was fortunate to travel to our Nation's capitol city, Washington D. C. The city was absolutely beautiful, it wasn't too hot and humid yet, and as always, it was exciting to be where the action was!

I was attending the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) Conference, which is a national organization that represents the concerns of gender equity in vocational equity. I met many of my peer equity coordinators from other states. I asked lots of questions about how other states operate their Gender Equity and Displaced Homemaker programs, and about the specific projects taking place in individual states. I came back re-energized and ready to go to work for equity, and for you.

The conference gave me insight into the differences and similarities between the states, and the ways that they administer equity funds, and provide equity services. For instance, the equity coordinators from California, and New Jersey brought some members of their staff to the conference. It was an eye opening experience to see that in other states they actually had "a staff!" I realize that other states have the population and budgets that we don't, but I couldn't help but be somewhat envious. However, I am grateful for the work that the "big" states do, and the materials and up-to-date resources they provide. Their ability to provide quality training materials and resources enables me to do my job.

Next year is going to be a challenging and exciting time in education, and that includes voc-ed. There is a lot happening on the national front that will directly effect vocational education. (See box below!)

Get ready! Be prepared, and get informed! Your enthusiasm for, and commitment to vocational education is important. Your voice is crucial. It's a great time to be in Voc-ed!

Have a great summer, and hope to see you in the fall!

IMPORTANT THINGS TO WATCH FOR IN THE COMING MONTHS:

RE-AUTHORIZATION OF THE CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 1990
THE SCHOOL-TO-WORK OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1994
FALL GENDER EQUITY TRAINING

Technology Education is: Applying math, science and technology; solving practical problems; using knowledge, tools and skills, action-based; exploring careers; increasing potential (and it's fun!).

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GOALS 2000: EDUCATE AMERICA ACT

Goals 2000 provides resources to states and communities to develop and implement comprehensive education reforms aimed at helping all students reach challenging academic and occupational standards.

On March 23, 1994, the House of Representatives approved the final Goals 2000 bill with a bipartisan vote of 306-121. On March 26, the Senate approved Goals 2000 with a 63-22 bipartisan vote.

President Clinton signed the bill on March 31, 1994.

BY THE YEAR 2000 ...

GOALS 2000

- ALL CHILDREN in America will start school ready to learn.

-THE HIGH SCHOOL graduation rate will increase to at least 90 percent

-ALL STUDENTS will leave grades 4, 8, and 12 having demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter including English, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, the arts, history, and geography, and every school in America will ensure that all students learn to use their minds well, so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in our nation's modern economy.

-UNITED STATES students will be first in the world in mathematics and science achievement.

-EVERY ADULT American will be literate and will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a global economy and exercise their rights and responsibilities.

-EVERY SCHOOL in the United States will be free of drugs, violence, and the unauthorized presence of firearms and alcohol and will offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning.

-THE NATION'S teaching force will have access to programs for the continued improvement of their professional skill and the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to instruct and prepare all American students for the next century.

-EVERY SCHOOL will promote partnerships that will increase parental involvement and participation in promoting the social, emotional, and academic growth of children.

ACE AVIATION ACADEMY

The Federal Aviation Administration and the Montana Aeronautics Division, in cooperation with the Helena College of Technology, is sponsoring a five day aviation career program for high school students, July 5 through July 9, 1994 in Helena.

For more information, and for an ACE registration form, contact the Helena College of Technology, Attention: Arlis Pfeffer, 1115 North Roberts, Helena MT 59601, or call 1-800-241-4882.

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CASH FOR SCHOOL

INDIAN EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS
U.S. Department of Interior
18th & C Street, N.W.
C490/1350N
Washington D.C. 20240
(202) 343-3668

Gives 3700 scholarships in vocational technical education to members of tribes or bands who reside on or near a reservation under jurisdiction of BIA. Grants for adult vocational training and job placement services are given for individuals. Applications available through tribal contract offices or home agency. Funds are for vocational training and job placement only and not for a formal degree.

WHIRLY GIRLS SCHOLARSHIPS
International Women Helicopter Pilots
Helicopter Association
1619 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Jean Roth-Howard
(703) 683-4646 EXT.39

Gives scholarships for helicopter flight training to whirly girl helicopter pilots who wish to upgrade their flight rating. Also supports women with a commercial airplane license who wish to obtain a helicopter license. Only serious women who want to make helicopter flying their career need apply.

CLAIROL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Business and Professional Women's Foundation
2021 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 296-9118

Supports women 30 years of age or older seeking career goal or retraining for a better job. Up to $1,000 is available for full- or part-time study in vocational schools, undergraduate college degree programs or graduate work at the master's or professional level.

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MULTICULTURAL TEACHER TRAINING STILL HAS OPENINGS...

The Montana Institute for effective teaching of American Indian children, which is scheduled to be held at Eastern Montana College on June 13-16, 1994, still has approximately 20 openings. The enrollment is limited to 50. All teachers who are interested in obtaining excellent information and tons of materials that will enhance their regular curriculum should attend this institute. Although this program is intended to help teachers become more effective in working with Indian children, anyone involved in education is welcome to participate. One graduate semester credit is available.

For more information please contact Pat Reichert at 444-2410 or Bob Parsley at 444-3013.

Sexual Harassment Is... OK

Sexual harassment trainers from across the state convened May 20th and 21st in Helena to coordinate efforts, share experiences and review training materials and curriculum. Most members of the group completed Sexual Harassment Training for Trainers offered through the Office of Public Instruction in January of 1993.

OPI and several other organizations will be sponsoring Sexual Harassment Training for Trainers in the fall of 1994. The two-day, in-depth training is targeted to school districts wishing to develop their in-house capacity to teach students, staff, and parents in the sexual harassment field. School districts are encouraged to send teams of four to the training which will include development of a district plan for addressing sexual harassment issues.

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

May 14-15, 1994, the Office of Public Instruction sponsored an EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS Spring Wrap-up Meeting at Fairmont Hot Springs for members of EYH planning committees from around the state.

EYH is a program that sponsors career conferences for middle and high school students (targeting young women), to increase their awareness of careers in science and mathematics and encourage them to take math and science courses while they are in school. The conference provides hands-on workshops with successful women in non-traditional math and science oriented careers.

There are 10 active EYH sites around the state which held EYH conferences this past year. If you would like information on the EYH program, or how to start an EYH program in your area, contact Pat Reichert, Office of Public Instruction, P.O. Box 202501, Helena MT 59620-2501, or call 444-2410.

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING OF TRAINERS
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
FALL 1994

Helena - September 7 & 8

Kallspell - September 19 & 20

Missoula - September 21 & 22

Great Falls - September 27 & 28

Glendive - October 4 & 5

Billings - October 10 & 11

For more information contact:

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WHEN IT COMES TO EQUITY, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TIME OUT!

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SUMMER EQUITY IDEAS

ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONSIDER NON-TRADITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER

NON-TRADITIONAL JOBS FOR MALES	NON-TRADITIONAL JOBS FOR FEMALES
*child-care	*farm or ranch hand
*nursing aide	*landscape assistant
*office technical assistant	*gas station attendant
*food server	*carpenters assistant

Summer is an excellent time to expose young people to the many kinds of occupations they may want to consider. As a time of exploration, summer can be the right time to challenge the status quo, and encourage someone to "try out" an occupation that is non-traditional for their gender!

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